

HOMWORK GUIDELINES:

PHILOSOPHY

The purpose of the district's homework guidelines is to increase student achievement. The extra practice established by well-designed homework assignments provides students with structured activities to reinforce classroom instruction.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten will use homework to reinforce classroom instruction in basic academic skills, establish routine, and foster responsibility. It will, for the most part, be assigned on a weekly basis (Monday through Thursday) and be designed to be completed in approximately ten to fifteen minutes. Students will each have a homework folder for transporting homework to and from school. Each Monday, the homework folders will be distributed with homework specifics outlined and explained. On Fridays, students will be responsible for returning the folders with completed homework assignments enclosed.

GRADE ONE

In first grade, homework is used to reinforce classroom instruction in basic academic skills. Homework assignments will be given weekly, usually Monday through Thursday. Approximately ten to fifteen minutes will be required to complete each of the assignments. Students will each have a folder for their homework. On Monday, it will be the student's responsibility to take the folder containing the week's assignments home. On Friday, the completed homework in the folder is to be returned to school.

GRADE TWO

In second grade, students will have assigned homework to reinforce classroom instruction and basic academic skills. Homework assignments will be given weekly, usually Monday through Thursday. Approximately fifteen to thirty minutes will be required to complete each of the assignments. The assignments should be brought home in their folder on Monday and returned by the end of the week with the assigned work completed.

GRADE THREE

In third grade, the students will have fifteen to thirty minutes of homework assigned three to four days per week. The purpose of the homework will be to reinforce classroom instruction in all areas. Most often, however, the focus will be on reading, grammar, spelling, math, and some support of the content areas. Students will be responsible for obtaining a parent's signature after completing the homework. Homework will be transported to and from school in a homework folder. Students who do not complete homework will be required to do so at recess or another chosen time. Consequences for consistently not completing homework will be handled on an individual basis. Homework assignments will be reflected in the grading process with a notation made on the report card as to the completion of homework.

GRADE FOUR

In fourth grade, the students will be assigned and responsible for at least thirty to sixty minutes of homework three to four nights a week. These assignments will include reading, math facts, spelling lists, and specific homework activities in content areas. Students will have a communication notebook. Homework is an important component of comprehensive student assessment; it also provides an opportunity for students to develop responsible study habits. Homework should be completed independently by the student, but parents are encouraged to monitor and provide assistance when necessary.

GRADE FIVE

In fifth grade, the students will be assigned and responsible for at least thirty to sixty minutes of homework three to four nights a week in the content area. Students are responsible for completing all assignments in a timely fashion and for obtaining parental signatures as necessary. Homework is an important component of comprehensive student assessment. Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's homework habits (accuracy and completion) and to contact the teacher with any concerns.

GRADE SIX

In sixth grade, the students will be assigned and responsible for at least forty-five to sixty minutes of homework three to four nights a week. These assignments will include specific homework activities for reading, spelling, math, science, social studies and/or assignments by other specialists in the building. Students are responsible for completing all assignments in a timely fashion and for obtaining parental signatures as necessary. Homework is an important component of comprehensive student assessment. Parents are encouraged to assist their children with homework assignments and to contact the teacher should problems arise.

